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TO CINCPAC HONOLULU  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, TH, US  
SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) CINCPAC 241922Z AUG 77  
(B) CINCPAC 200335Z AUG 77  
(C) CINCPAC 252352Z AUG 77

1. CHJUSMAGTHAI 250840Z AUG 77 RESPONDED TO REF B ON THE  
FEASIBILITY OF CONTINUED USE OF TAKHLI. THE EMBASSY IS IN  
AGREEMENT WITH THAT ASSESSMENT. THE SAME PROBLEMS  
AND EXPENSES INVOLVED WITH CONTINUED USE OF TAKHLI IN THE  
ABSENCE OF US SUPPORT FACILITIES OBTAIN AT UTTAPAO.

2. THE FOLLOWIG RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFS  
A AND C REGARDING CURRENT UTAPAO CAPABILITIES:  
NAVAIDS (TACAN/VOR) OPERATIONAL; FIELD LIGHTING, IN-  
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OPERATIVE; TOWER, FIRE FIGHTING, UNACCEPTABLE -- ONE FIRE  
TRUCK ONLY; BASE SECURITY, COULD BE ARRANGED WITH THAI  
MILITARY; J P-4 AVAILABLE BUT HYDRANT SYSTEM IN-  
OPERATIVE. WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE TRUCKING COMMERCIAL  
FUEL IN OR ARRANGING FOR SEPARATE STORAGE; WHETHER  
BRIEFING --WEATHER OFFICE EXISTS, ALTHOUGH BARELY  
SATISFACTORY; CREW BILLETING--ADEQUATE FACILITIES NOT

AVAILABLE ON BASE. CLOSEST ACCEPTABLE AREA, PATTAYA BEACH. ROUGH ESTIMATE OF COST MIGHT BE MADE BY YOU IN RELATION TO COST OF CURRENT MAC C-141 FLIGHT INTO DON MUANG. SUPPORT FOR MACFLT COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 PER MONTH FOR SERVICES. THIS CIVERS 4 LANDINGS PER MONTH BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE FUEL.

3. IN ADDITION, UTAPAO POSES POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN BROACHED IN DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER, GENERAL KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN, WHO STATED UNOFFICIALLY THAT FOR POLITICAL REAONS THE THAI COULD NOT AGREE TO THE USE OF UTAPAO FOR THE US MILITARY AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING P-3S. GEN KRIANGSAK STATED HOWEVER THAT HE BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY FROM THE THAI STAND-POINT IN ARRANGING FOR PERIODIC P-3 LANDINGS ON THE MILITARY SIDE ON DON MUANG AND SERVICE AT THE MILITARY TERMINAL. HE PREDICATED HIS COMMENT ON THE FREQUENCY OF CURRENT P-3 TRANSIT FLIGHTS AT TAKHLI WHICH HAS BEEN APPROXIMATLY TWO PER MONTH.

4. WE BELIEVE THE SAME TYPE OF VERBAL APPROVAL THAT COVERED THE USE OF TAKHLI WOULD SUFFICE FOR USING DON MUANG AS A TRANSIT POINT, WITH THE SAME FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT. HOWEVER, THE QUESTION OF USING DON MUANG FOR P-3 TRANSIT FLIGHT MUST BE REVIEWED BY AMB. WHITEHOUSE, SECRET

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WHO IS IN U.S. ON LEAVE, BEFORE APPROACH TO RTG CAN BE MADE. O'DONOHUE

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